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In re Application of: Anne E. Miller et al.

Application No.: 09/280,268

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For: "A CERIC-ION SLURRY FOR
USE IN CHEMICAL-
MECHANICAL POLISHING"

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RESPONSE

The Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2001.

REMARKS

The Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-14. Claims 15-25 are cancelled, with traverse.

In response to the Examiner's assertion in that, "In the instant case the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different slurry with different oxidizing agent such as hydrogen peroxide", the Applicants respectfully submit that the process to which the Examiner is referring, i.e., claim 15, claims "a complex cerium salt" rather than an oxidizing agent.